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REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2007, Applicant requests a two-month extension of time to submit a response to the Office Action.

In this Office Action, Examiner David Bochna cited the Seamark prior art reference without citing the respective patent number. Michael Shariff, Applicant's attorney of record, has contacted Examiner Bochna on several occasions to obtain the patent number of the Seamark prior art reference but could not get reach Examiner Bochna. Michael Shariff then contacted Examiner Daniel Stodola (the Supervisor of Examiner Bochna) and asked for the assistance.

Examiner Stodola then contacted Examiner Bochna. Examiner Stodola also suggested Michael Shariff file a request for extension of time to prepare the response because the patent number for the Seamark prior art reference was missing in the Office Action dated November 15, 2007. Examiner Bochna called Michael Shariff about one week before the due date to file the response to the Office Action and left the patent number of the Seamark prior art reference on Michael Shariff's voice mail.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a two-months extension of time to submit the response to the Office Action for the reasons as set forth above.

Although it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this extension request, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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